

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending. Claims 1, 17, 30 and 34-41 have been amended herein.

I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent claims 1, 17 and 30 render the restriction requirement moot.

II. SECTION 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The Examiner believes that if the yoke contains all the pole pieces and is disposed within the write element then the write element and the yoke are referring to the same element. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to no longer recite that the yoke is disposed in the write element. Therefore, Applicant submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

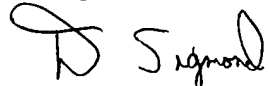
III. SECTION 102 AND 103 REJECTIONS

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent claims 1, 17 and 30 render the section 102 and 103 rejections moot.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Applicant filed a Change of Correspondence Address and subsequently requested that future correspondence be sent to the new correspondence address. The CPA Transmittal also lists the new correspondence address.

Respectfully submitted,

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